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**ASSISTANCE TO BASIC EDUCATION/LINKAGES
IN EDUCATION AND HEALTH (ABE/LINK)**

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I. Purpose and Goals

The Assistance to Basic Education (ABE)/Linkages in Education and Health is an Indefinite Quality Contract (IQC) designed to provide technical assistance and services in support of cross-sector linkages between education and health. ABE/LINK is focused on expanding access to quality basic education and promoting linkages in education and health by increasing the use of key child health and nutrition interventions, increasing use of improved, effective and sustainable responses to reduce HIV transmission and to mitigate the impact of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, increasing use of effective interventions to reduce the threat of infectious diseases of major public health importance. The ABE/LINK scope of work promotes assistance for cross-sector linkages between the agency's basic education, health and social sector programs worldwide.

Through ABE/LINK, the American Institutes for Research will provide USAID Missions, the EGAT Bureau, other USAID Bureaus and operating units with services that support basic education, linkages in education and health, and administration and management systems.

II. Summary

AIR responded to the one task order request for proposal that was released during Quarter 3. Other efforts were focused on contractual and administrative issues, including a one-day partners meeting held by AIR. AIR also attended the USAID Prime Contractor Conference for ABE IQCs.

III. Major Activities

1. Task Orders

- One task order request for proposal was received during the period to provide technical assistance support to the South African Department of Education (DoE). AIR submitted a proposal for this task order on June 9, 2006. USAID response to the proposal is pending.

2. Contract Management & Administration

Meetings/Events

- AIR held a one-day meeting for its ABE/BE and ABE/LINK partners on May 19, 2006. Representatives from all partner organizations were in attendance and the ABE CTO, Dr. Rebecca Adams, spoke to the group.